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## YOUR CALL

While your boys and your neighbors' boys are being called into service, your country is calling for you too. If you cannot fight you can serve with your money.

The RED CROSS is getting ready to care for the boys if they should be wounded over there, and is asking you to help with your dollars. If you cannot give as much as you would like to just now

### START A SAVINGS ACCOUNT

and be prepared when the next call comes.

FALL IN LINE!

## Citizens State Bank

HAYS, KANSAS

Miss Marian Flanders is visiting at Godoland during the vacation.

Mrs. Truesdell of Palco is visiting with Mrs. John Brown for a few days.

Lena Brown is home, her school having closed at Ellsworth last week.

Maurice Zeigler went to Kansas City, Monday, to have his eyes tested.

Maxwell touring car run but 6,000 miles. Will sell for half price.—E. B. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiles and son, Ralph, of Banner, attended commencement at the Normal.

During the absence of Probate Judge McLain, B. C. Arnold has charge of the office.

Miss Esther Shively spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shively.

Mrs. Bernard Fitzpatrick is out of the hospital and is now at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Goetzchius.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Archer have come to Hays to live. Fred will be in the store with Mr. Al Nickles.

George Abel, who has been seriously ill at St. Anthony's hospital was able to return to his home this week.

Mrs. Robert Miles and son, James of Wichita, are visiting the family of Mrs. Miles' sister, Mrs. Sanford Sites.

Mrs. Armstrong attended commencement at the Normal, her daughter, Kate, being in the graduating class.

Mrs. Miriam Ulrich of Manhattan is again in Hays taking care of the boys children in the absence of their mother, who is in the hospital.

Prof. and Mrs. Lee and Mildred, Miss Heller and Miss Sutton had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Weeks on Sunday, it being Clarissa's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Prunton of Banner, whose daughter, Blanch was in the graduating class at the Normal, came and attended commencement exercises.

Miss Faythe Logan gave a party on Saturday evening at Big Creek Farm in honor of Frank Carmen and John Hale. The young people report a fine time.

Miss Dora Grass is spending the vacation with her father and mother in LaCrosse. Mr. and Mrs. Grass and with relatives taking Miss Grass home with them.

Kindergarten Postponed

Owing to the fact that Miss McKee is unable to come next week the opening of the kindergarten has been postponed to Monday, June 3rd. Report with the children at the grade school building at nine o'clock on that date.

C. A. Shively.

Cabbage and tomato plants at the Normal School garden.

The lawn mower has been busy at the Court House park this week, accompanied by the lusty muscle of Janitor Adam Weigel.

Miss Esther Goetzchius who taught north of Ellis, last year has been re-elected at an increase of \$15.00 per month. This speaks well for Miss Esther's ability.

Mr. D. C. Noland, his daughter, her husband and son came to Hays last Wednesday, to visit Mrs. Noland and Gladys, who returned with them to Moreland on Friday.

F. E. McLain, H. D. Shaffer, M. Hoffman and Ben Hoppert the old soldiers, left Monday morning for Chanute, Kansas, to attend the annual meeting of the G. A. R.

Among the list of Hays boys going to the front in the next call is Burton M. Clark, the Normal boy, who has been the efficient clerk in the postoffice here some time.

Raymond Bissing, son of Jacob Bissing, who has been clerking in the Henry Winter's hardware store, has joined the navy and leaves for his post of duty next Sunday.

Last week another installment on the Student's Friendship War Fund given by the Normal school was sent away. This makes a total of \$1,680 the students and faculty have given to this most worthy cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fellers left Monday morning in their car for a business trip to Nebraska. They may also go to Colorado, before returning home. Mrs. Foster is caring for the baby and Ila Fern is staying at her grandparents.

Six or eight women of the neighborhood meet at the home of Mrs. E. R. King every Friday and sew for the Refugees. A dozen garments are finished each week. This is commendable work and more neighborhoods ought to take it up.

Farmer H. H. Pierce of this city has one of those Standing grain Baldwin harvesters and threshers and will run it on his farm in Russell county, south of Gorham, during this harvest.

Louis Kraus is also getting his in shape to run as soon as the grain is ripe.

Word comes that William H. Struble, son of the old soldier's widow, Mrs. Struble, living northwest of Hays, who enlisted in the navy in April of last year and was stationed at the great naval training station at Great Lakes, Illinois, near Chicago, has been transferred to the U. S. Receiving Ship at the U. S. Naval yard at Norfolk, Va., and is now one of the great American transports conveying troops and ammunition ships across the ocean.

WANTED

GOOD BIG FAT HENS. WILL PAY 18 CENTS PER POUND FOR A FEW DAYS.—H. A. COWAN.

## TORNADO KILLS EIGHT PEOPLE

THREE COUNTIES AFFECTED—TREGO, ELLIS AND ROOKS

STOCK KILLED AND INJURED

Two Years in Succession that a Tornado has Devasted Practically the Same District

One of the worst storms that ever visited Ellis County occurred Monday evening, about 9:00 o'clock.

One year exactly to a day at six in the evening a tornado passed over practically the same section of the county destroying large quantities of property but no lives were lost.

There was just three hours difference in time of the arrival of the storms.

The storm seemed to have gathered in Trego county, G. W. Spencer who was at Ogallah, says that a tornado passed high over that village about seven o'clock. The wind blew fiercely but no great damage was done.

The storm struck first in Ellis county passing on and devastating a strip of the county said to be one mile wide and thirty-five miles in length. In Ellis county five people were killed, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Geist were killed outright and their three grandchildren who were staying at the home of Adam Geist, were killed. Adam and wife were injured but not seriously.

At Codell, the storm was also severe—the town was partially demolished and Mrs. Walter Adams and baby were killed.

Two children of Frank Jones living near Codell, were also killed.

There are rumors that three people were also killed in Osborne county, but the report has not been confirmed.

Anton Brunngrat was also seriously injured—thought to be fatal.

All day Tuesday men from portions of Ellis where the tornado of Tuesday did not sweep have been building fences and rounding up strayed stock in order to save the crops.

A large number of automobiles in Hays were used to carry workers or visitors. By evening most of the cattle were brought to the rightful owners.

The wind took practically every fence in the stricken territory. The parts of fences still standing early Tuesday morning were covered with tattered old clothing carried away from the houses by the wind. Many women wear dresses borrowed outside of the district.

The twining wind began at the James McIntosh place, fifteen miles northwest of Hays and swept northward from there over a strip a mile wide. At the Alexander Geist farm home it was so furious that it carried off every board of the house, barn and out buildings. Sheriff Alex Weltz and Coroner C. H. Jameson and their helpers had to go down in the mill cave and tear up the floorboards to get the bodies of the dead.

Henry Geist weighed 250 pounds and had been blown through a barbed wire fence. The bodies were caked in mud which had been hardened by the pounding of the hail after the first blow. One half mile north of here is the Adam Geist home where the three children were killed.

They are children of Alexander Geist, Jr. The youngest a boy of two years was blown from his uncle's arms and found one-eight of the mile away. Every bone in the limbs and arms of all three were broken. Adam was unconscious to was soon revived. His wife is less severely hurt. The mud and hail had done its work here as well.

The house of George Ball was carried with the family of five in it by the wind over four hundred yards and deposited in his wheat field. The walls were blown outward and left the family without a scratch sitting in one room. His cattle were killed but his auto was uninjured.

On the P. J. Deane ranch, thirty mile north of Hays, every building was demolished including a steel reinforced concrete barn 100x130 feet and a concrete silo. Concrete blocks from these buildings were strewn for five hundred yards. The house was a new one made of stone and concrete and the family rushed to the storm cellar seven feet below ground with concrete roof. Everything was blown away and Deane although a bank vice president came to Hays in borrowed clothing. His individual loss was about \$15,000. The C. G. Cochran ranch farm in the same neighborhood was blown to atoms and some of his stock killed.

Many of the homes are of stone

and the occupants of them are bruised from their narrow escapes. Robert Hamore saved his mother's life by throwing an elbow in the path of a stone from the walls of their home.

A post carried one-half mile, driven through a window and neatly deposited on the dining table of George McIntosh's home. No other damage was done to the place.

For three hours the people of the stricken section crawled about in a sort of stupor. It was one o'clock before Sheriff Weltz was summoned. He has been in charge of the situation, particularly overseeing the rounding up of the stock and finding shelter for the unfortunate.

The finest charcoal-burned Kansas, owned by James McIntosh is a complete loss. Lightning struck his house, divided it, then the twister turned the parts in different directions, blew the barn at the house from one direction and the concrete roof of the milk house at it from the other. A brand new lumber wagon was dismembered and the wheels were found at three points of the compass with the axle severed and the odd wheel hung up on a fence post.

Trego County Loss \$100,000

WaKeeney, Kan., May 22.—A tornado occurred about six o'clock Monday evening ten miles southeast of the G. M. Stanton farm and doing great damage to the farm of Bert Stanton, G. M. Hobbick, Thomas Kutina and others. Mrs. Bert Stanton was badly hurt by flying debris and a Miss Dietz was injured by broken glass striking her in the face but no one was killed.

The tornado was about three miles long and a half mile wide, following a draw that opens into Big Creek.

On the north at this point the storm lifted and struck again about three miles down the valley. About 200 head of livestock were killed outright and many injured. A traction engine was lifted and carried a distance of ten or fifteen rods. The tabernacle of the Methodist church was blown down. The Holiness Association near Ogallah was blown down. The total damage is probably not less than \$100,000.

The Storm at Codell

Codell, Kan., May 22.—The school house, Methodist church, city hotel and several residences are kindling wood. From Codell the storm passed to the northeast. At the old Bromley place north of Moton every building was blown down. The old Bromley house, a stone building, and it was blown down killing his wife and baby. Out in the Shiloh neighborhood every place struck is a ruin. The family of Jones five children were injured and one died early this morning. At the John Hoskins place several people are badly injured. Out north of the Normal district things were completely demolished. Every building, including the house is gone on Fred Koellings place. The family morning in the wreckage next morning and it was strangely enough none were injured. Henry Koelling had just built a new house and had only moved in when the storm tore it to pieces.

Have just visited the Koelling place, eight miles north of here, not a stick of kindling of any of the buildings left. Everything is gone, even their clothing. Every single piece of furniture is smashed and the chickens have all disappeared.

In the German settlement north of Natoma the damage was terrible.

Ellis Damage \$150,000

Ellis, Kansas, May 22.—Ellis was in the midst of what seems to have been a series of tornadoes and twisters Monday night and the damage in this vicinity is widespread. The storm in this vicinity seemed to strike first two and one-half miles southeast of Ellis where two big empty silos on the farm of Thomas Mills were blown over and shattered. Farm implements were thrown in every direction and a great tree, measuring three feet six inches in diameter was twisted from its roots. The tornado passed on west to the Bassler farm where it took away all outbuildings, damaged the house and killed scores of chickens and broke the leg of a cow. At the Abe Leonard farm the big barn and live stock were swept away. A large automobile is missing.

At the Wassinger farm everything is a complete loss including house, barns, outbuildings and stock. The family escaped death by crawling into a hole that was dug in the yard for a grainary. Members of the family suffered minor bruises and injuries. House, barn, outbuildings and implements on the old Fulton farm were demolished.

Frank Hoover May Die

At the Kellogg farm everything is gone, including the house, barn, a fine lot of big trees and live stock. The large tabernacle belonging to the Church of Christ, located a mile north of Riga is completely gone. The loss here is \$12,000. On the John Kerth place only the outbuildings were taken and some stock damaged. All outbuildings and implements were swept from the Runyon farm. The big house escaped. At the Frank Hoover farm, house, barn, outbuildings and a number of head of cattle are gone. Mr. Hoover was so badly injured internally that he is not expected to live. The remaining members of the family suffered slight injuries. The loss on this farm will be very great.

A second storm passed to the northeast of Ellis. All buildings on the Charles Mueller farm were wrecked by this storm. Mr. Mueller's loss will be \$7,500. The farm was occupied by Mr. Mueller's son-in-law, John Blender. One little girl was injured.

Nearly Ran Down Mail Man

A rural route carrier had a narrow escape three and one-half miles east of Ellis when two empty wheat tanks came rolling along at the speed of an express train. One passed just in front of his automobile.

A baseburner from the Mueller farm was found undamaged one and one-half miles away on a hill. The piano was jammed into a bank a few yards from the house and broken to pieces.

## Hen Dies of Heart Failure

At the old Fulton farm a hen was found today sitting on a stone chicken house apparently asleep. The bird was found to be dead from heart failure.

All outbuildings are gone from the Corny Snyder farm three miles northeast of Ellis.

Telephone lines are down everywhere and news is hard to obtain. The losses of property so far detailed will reach at least \$150,000 and were viewed by a Journal correspondent who today traveled over the stricken district.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of special importance of the Modern Woodmen Lodge in Workman Hall on next Wednesday, May 29th. All members are requested to attend. The Head Consul of the state will talk.

Frank Staab went to Wilson, Monday.

Ask your groceryman for Dr. Pruitt's chick feed.

Ex-Commissioner Eli Cole was in Hays, Wednesday.

Jean Cave is home, her school at Paradise, closing last week.

Postmaster Dreiling took in the picnic at Victoria on Monday.

Mr. T. M. Wood went to Salina, Wednesday morning, on a business trip.

Mrs. Geo. Bear enjoyed a visit last week from three sisters and one brother.

About a hundred people from Hays attended the picnic at Victoria, Monday.

Bicycle deliveries made forenoon, 5 and 10 cents.—Oscar Snyder. Phone 299.

Maxwell touring car run but 6,000 miles. Will sell for half price.—E. B. Matthews.

Mrs. Sarah Bartholomew spent a few days last week at the home of Mrs. Ed Blender.

Miss Virginia Oldham went to Salina on the plug Tuesday, returning on 103 the same evening.

Carl Stecklein is the proud owner of a brand new Buick six automobile purchased of the Alex Schueler agency.

Mrs. Edna Fulton, Misses Alice Freese and Esther Shively have completed their terms of school and are home again.

George Spencer went out to Quinter on Monday to install a furnace in one of the new residences being built in that city.

Miss Maud Carter will teach Domestic Science at Eskridge, this year. One of her sisters has been teaching there the past year.

Farmer Zurnham of Southeast Freedom township was in town this week and reports wheat fields looking good in that section of the county.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Brown will leave in the near future for Colorado Springs, Colo., where they will spend the summer.—Hill City Republican.

The trees in the public park on the south side of town are looking splendid. Autoists should take a drive through the park from Chestnut to Allen Avenue.

The D. W. C. class of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. Snapp on Thursday last week, for their monthly social meeting and sewed for the Red Cross.

The summer term of the state Normal school next Tuesday here and a large attendance of teachers is expected, from the correspondence so far received. It will last until August 2nd being nine weeks.

The Larned paper announces "The Business Men's Association" of that city had met and decided to buy the uniforms for the company of state guards, as it was for the protection of the whole community that the guard was formed. Good idea for Hays to follow.

In the list of boys going in the next draft is Frank Carman, the coach of the Hays High School, while the grocery of Reed & Sons loss Albert H. Reed who goes to the front. Also there is Herman J. Oldham and the whole gang will miss Ole.

The W. C. T. U. met on Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. G. W. Meyers. The baby judging contest at the High School on Saturday under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. was well attended on Saturday afternoon. The program for better babies is being carried out all over Kansas.

The lowest place in the United States is about eighty miles from the highest. The United States Geological Survey shows that Death Valley, Calif., is the lowest point, being 276 feet below sea level. Mount Whitney, about eighty miles distant, is 14,501 feet above sea level.

At the State Normal commencement, in the address of Mr. Layton of Osborne, he said and receive with loud applause:

"Did your city have a bunch of recruits go to the war under draft last week, and were you at the depot to bid them God speed and safe return? I doubt if a dozen of you were there. Do you realize that those boys are going to the war to save you and your country? That they are called and cheerfully go with shouts, that you may remain at home and enjoy the pleasure of your business, your home and your family friends. Now think of this and don't let it occur again. When the next bunch and every bunch goes let the band, the whole town be there to give them a good send-off. Close your business places for an hour, ladies put on your best clothes and show these boys going to the trenches in a foreign land that your home may be safe from destruction like Belgium and Russia, that you are proud of your boys and send them off with a rousing cheer. Now don't forget it. Don't say you did not know what day or hour they were going, but find out and be there with your flags of greeting. Show the father and mother of these boys that you appreciate their sacrifice and cheer them after the train leaves with that precious boy

## Providing Banking Protection

The vast resources of the Federal Reserve System, now over a thousand million dollars are contributed by the depositors in banks which, like ourselves, are members of this great system.

The largest and the smallest of our depositors each contributes in the same proportion to this fund, which gives protection to all.

If you haven't this protection already you ought not to delay. You secure it the moment you become one of our depositors.

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## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

HAYS,

KANSAS

that may never come back." See the list going next and be at the depot.

Mrs. E. M. McClain left Wednesday for Abilene, Kansas, to join her husband who is in the employ of the United Telephone Company. Mr. McClain has been lineman for the company at this place for several years. Hays people are sorry to lose this excellent family.

Henry Graham, for some time past employed at the Hays postoffice, and recently called to the colors was married at Salina, Saturday, May 18, to Miss Zelma Rouse. Miss Rouse was a Fort Hays Normal student, graduating last spring. The young people were given a reception at the home of the bride.

MARRIED

Miss Julia Stone and Burton M. Clark were united in marriage last Saturday afternoon at the Baptist parsonage in this city. Rev. Rogers officiating. The people are well known in Hays, both having attended the Hays State Normal School for several years. The bride is a very estimable young lady, whose parents live on the Saline, near Fairport.

Burton M., or Bert, as he is familiarly known by his many friends in Hays, is a graduate of the Fort Hays Normal School; has received his life certificate and is a Bachelor of Science degree, and among the many thoroughly educated young men that have been turned out from this school. He is admired for his genius and scholarly attainments by his many friends in Hays.

He has been called to the colors and will leave for Camp Funston this coming Saturday at noon, along with the last draft contingent from Ellis county, fifty-six in number.

Forty Hours Devotion at St. Joseph's Church

The annual forty hour devotion festival was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with all the solemnity, which makes the services at the Catholic church so impressive.

The services opened Sunday morning at ten o'clock with a solemn highmass, during which the Most Blessed Sacrament was exposed. After highmass a procession was formed in which the school girls and boys, dressed in immaculate white marches ahead of the Blessed Sacrament and the choir chanted the beautiful "Pange Lingua Gloriosi."

During that day and the following two days, hours for adoration of the faithful before the Blessed Sacrament were kept by the various divisions of the congregation.

On Tuesday at nine o'clock during a solemn highmass the devotion was closed with benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.

During the services of the forty hours the church choir and the college orchestra rendered beautiful vocal and instrumental music for the glory of God and the edification of the faithful.—XXX.

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Among those who attended the program at the Copeland school, last Thursday evening, were: Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Malloy, Mr. Soderlund, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Penney. Mrs. Malloy favored the audience with a violin solo.

Summer Vacation School

All children who expect to attend the vacation school are asked to report at the Model school room at the Normal Monday morning, May 27th, at nine o'clock, for enrollment and assignment to classes.

C. A. Shively.

Hays Normal Expects Largest Summer School

Judging from the number of inquiries received by the Registrar of the Fort Hays Normal, the enrollment for the summer school will be the largest in its history. The summer term begins Tuesday, May 28th. The entire graduating class of several high schools will attend in a body. The number of older people who will be in school here will also be larger than usual.

In addition to all the regular college work, special courses will be offered in war public speaking, war cooking, war sewing, war singing and the agriculture department will give training in war gardening and irrigation farming.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Forenoon

Nine o'clock assemble at the Strand. All who have flowers are kindly requested to bring them to this place.

Ten o'clock (sharp) march to the cemetery, the order will be as follows:

Fort Hays Kansas Normal Band

Sons of Veterans

Hays Military Companies

Veterans

Boy Scouts

Pupils from schools

Citizens

Afternoon

Two o'clock Public exercises at the Strand.

Song—America

Reading of the Orders

Adjutant

Invocation

Welcome address

Post Commander

Roll of Honor

Song

Address

F. U. Russell

Past Dist. Cm. of S. O. V.

Song—America

Benediction

The public are cordially invited to be present and participate in the exercises of the day. automobiles are kindly requested to assist.

Call Salve

is made by Dr. Pruitt that is guaranteed to heal a horse's shoulder while you work the horse and to be the best you ever used, or your money back.

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Our friends will be glad to know that we are again in the field to insure their growing crops against

## HAIL STORMS